

Celebrant Most merciful God,
People we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

People Amen.

Opening Hymn, #576

God is Love

The Hymnal 1982

Greeting & Collect of the Day

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

THE LESSONS

The First Reading: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Harriet Davis

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Lector Word of God, word of life.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer

- 1 I love you, O God, because you have heard the voice of my supplication, *
because you have inclined your ear to me whenever I called upon you.
- 10 How shall I repay God *
for all the good things done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of God.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to God *
in the presence of all people.
- 13 Precious in your sight, O God, *
is the death of your servants.
- 14 O God, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon your holy Name.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to you *
in the presence of all your people,
- 17 In the courts of God's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Alleluia!

The Second Reading: "Maundy Thursday" by Malcolm Guite

Harriet Davis

Here is the source of every sacrament,
The all-transforming presence of the Lord,
Replenishing our every element
Remaking us in his creative Word.
For here the earth herself gives bread and wine,
The air delights to bear his Spirit's speech,
The fire dances where the candles shine,
The waters cleanse us with His gentle touch.
And here He shows the full extent of love
To us whose love is always incomplete,
In vain we search the heavens high above,
The God of love is kneeling at our feet.
Though we betray Him, though it is the night.
He meets us here and loves us into light.

Lector Word of God, word of life.
People **Thanks be to God.**

1. As in that up - per room you left your seat and took a towel and
 2. I bow be - fore you, all my sin con - fessed, to hear a - gain the
 3. So in re - mem - brance of your life laid down I come to praise you

chose a ser - vant's part, so for to - day, Lord, wash a - gain my
 words of love you said; and at your ta - ble, as your hon - ored
 for your grace di - vine; Saved by your cross, and sub - ject to your

feet, who in your mer - cy died to cleanse my heart.
 guest, I take and eat the true and liv - ing bread.
 crown, strength - ened for ser - vice by this bread and wine.

The Gospel Lesson: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, O God.**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him,

“One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.” For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord--and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Reflection

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

A moment of silent reflection follows.

Foot and Hand Washing

Deacon The Lord Jesus, after he had dined with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, “Do you know what I, your Lord and Teacher, have done to you? I have given you an example that you should do as I have done.”

People **Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give you.**

Deacon I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

People **Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give you.**

Deacon By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

All are invited to attend the foot or hand-washing stations.

Music, #581

Where charity and love prevail

The Hymnal 1982

Prayers of the People

The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer

Leader Let us pray.

moment of silence for reflection

Because you love the world, because in Christ you walked it, we dare to pray:
God, send your spirit,

People **Renew the life of the earth.**

To connect the words of ancient scripture to the life of the world today; to let the urgent summons of Jesus surpass our reticence to respond:

God, send your spirit,

Renew the life of the earth.

To awaken the minds of those in power to the realities of those they govern; to confront the arrogance of the privileged with the vulnerability of the poor:

God, send your spirit,

Renew the life of the earth.

To engage the fragile state of the planet with those who carelessly abuse it; to let the pain of those who are hurting awaken the caring potential in the healthy:

God, send your spirit,

Renew the life of the earth.

To eradicate the distance between our convictions and commitments, our potentials and our performance, our prayers and our politics, our faith and our discipleship:

God, send your spirit,

Renew the life of the earth.

Concluding Collect

Celebrant

Convince us, gracious God, that matter matters and that all is up for redemption. And since in Jesus you destined all to be changed and made new, enable us to be agents of your purpose. We pray in Jesus' name.

People

Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant

The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People

And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant

Let us with gladness present our offerings and oblations to God.

The bread and wine are brought forward, and ushers pass the offering plates.

Offering Hymn, #585

Morning glory, starlit sky

The Hymnal 1982

The Offering is now brought forward.

Offertory Prayer

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

**Jesus, you are the bread of life
and the host of this meal.**

**Bless these gifts that we have gathered
that all people may know your goodness.**

**Feed us not only with this holy food
but with hunger for justice and peace.**

We pray this in your name.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to our God.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Holy One.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.
You gather your people around the tree of the cross,
transforming death into life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus, spoken

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant You are worthy of blessing and praise,
O God of our salvation.
You speak and creation comes to life.
You breathe and we are filled with your Spirit.
You come with healing in your wings.

You loosen the bonds of sickness
to let the oppressed go free.

You shelter the poor
and feed the hungry with the bread of life.
And when the night is darkest,
you break forth upon us like the dawn
and your touch brings new life.

Now we give you thanks,
that you have shown the greatness of your love
by sending your Son Jesus Christ
to share our fragile flesh
and bear our every burden.
Your Son Jesus did not turn his face
from shame and loss,
but took up our suffering and death.

He suffers with the sick,
the injured and the dying.
By his passion and death
he rescues us from evil,
and binds up every wound.

People On the night before his suffering and death,
Jesus shared supper with his friends.
He blessed bread, broke it, gave it to them and said,
**“This bread is my body, given for you and all humankind.
Whenever you eat it, remember me.”**

People Then he blessed the wine and said,
**“This is the cup of life,
my blood poured out for all.
Whenever you drink it, remember me.”**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the healing power of your Son,
by whose wounds we are healed.
In these gifts of bread and wine,
we celebrate the healing power
of Jesus’ cross and empty tomb.

Now send your Spirit upon this bread and wine
that they may be for us his life-giving body
and precious blood.
May Christ, the risen Son,
rise in us and make us one with you,
one with each other,
and one with all creation.

In the name of the One who was,
and is, and is to come,
Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

*Celebrant
People*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,**

and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, are yours,
now and forever. Amen

The Fraction

Celebrant God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.
People **Happy are those who are called to the Lord's Supper.**

The Invitation

Celebrant Come, for all is now ready. Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive communion at St. Bart's! The ushers will invite you to come forward to stand around the chancel to receive the bread, hands facing upward for bread with gluten, hands facing down will indicate you'd like gluten free bread. The Chalice Bearer will follow holding a chalice of wine. If you would prefer not to sip from the cup, you may place your hands across your chest to receive a blessing of the words. If you would prefer to receive neither the bread nor the wine but would like to come forward for a blessing, please come forward as described above and simply cross your arms at your chest and the Priest will offer a blessing. Hand sanitizer is available in the aisle. You may return to your seat once you have received.

Music at Communion, #313 Let thy blood in mercy poured

The Hymnal 1982

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray. Jesus our sibling,
People **in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with God the Parent and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

Celebrant God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always.
People **Amen.**

A Reading: "Gethsemane" by Mary Oliver

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

The grass never sleeps.
Or the roses.
Nor does the lily have a secret eye that shuts until morning.

Jesus said, wait with me. But the disciples slept.

The cricket has such splendid fringe on its feet,
and it sings, have you noticed, with its whole body,
and heaven knows if it ever sleeps.

Jesus said, wait with me. And maybe the stars did,
maybe the wind wound itself into a silver tree, and didn't move, maybe
the lake far away, where once he walked as on a
blue pavement,
lay still and waited, wild awake.

Oh the dear bodies, slumped and eye-shut, that could not
keep that vigil, how they must have wept,
so utterly human, knowing this too
must be a part of the story.

The congregation may be seated.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*The sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed from
the worship space while two "voices" offer meditations of music and psalm.*

Musical meditation

"Were you There" arr. Bob Chilcott
*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

*Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

Meditative Reading: Psalm 22

Phil Chin, Susannah White

A chime sounds three times. You are invited to depart in silence.

Serving in Worship Today

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Deacon, Chalice Bearer	The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer
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Musicians	The St. Bart's Choir
Lector	Harriet Davis
Ushers	Kathleen Damon, Jennifer Willard
Altar Guild	Jan Burson, John Perkins
A/V	Dan Hudkins
Psalm Readers	Phil Chin, Susannah White

RESOURCES

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